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# ARLANDRIA

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## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ 4MR Park community mulching and clean up, Nov. 11, 9am
- ◆ Arlandria Action Plan Advisory Group Meeting, Nov. 17, 7pm  
Cora Kelly Rec Center, 25 W. Reed

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## ARLANDRIA ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

In 2003, the City adopted a *Long-Term Vision and Action Plan for the Arlandria Neighborhood* (Action Plan). This newsletter provides a summary of recent implementation activities and project highlights.

### Four Mile Run Park

**Conservatory Center, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave**  
Plans and specifications for the rain gardens, plantings, and trail improvements located to the east of the Conservatory Center are at 100% design and will go through the procurement process fall 2014. The improvements will provide a significant water quality benefit and assist in completing the approved park concept plan. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2015.



### The Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market Concludes 5th Season in November

Founded to support the revitalization and expansion of Four Mile Run Park and to provide a local source of quality produce, meat,

baked goods, prepared foods, artisan products and crafts to people in Alexandria, Arlington and beyond, the Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market (4MRMarket for short) has worked with various community partners over the past 5 years to create a venue that is inviting, clean, and a resource for the diverse neighborhood of Arlandria.



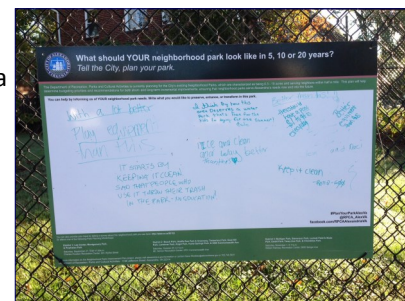
As the first market in Northern Virginia to accept SNAP/EBT (food stamp) sales, 4MRMarket management has continued to secure double dollar incentives in conjunction with INOVA Health Foundation and the Alexandria Health Department to bring healthy food to people of all income levels. The market also accepts credit card sales using a token system, so customers can always use the "market ATM" when necessary. SNAP/EBT and credit card sales account for several thousands of dollars in sales during the season.

Last month, 4MRMarket ranked 79th of the Top 100 Most Celebrated farmers

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## Hume Springs and Commonwealth Parks

The Division of Park Planning, Design, and Capital Development is currently planning for the City's existing Neighborhood Parks, which we characterize as being 0.5 - 10 acres with a service area of up to 0.5 miles. This includes Hume Springs Park and 3550 Commonwealth Ave Park in the Arlandria neighborhood. Community members can provide feedback on the parks through a survey here <http://alexandria.neighborhood-park-survey.sgizmo.com/s3/> or by visiting the parks and writing their comments on a "park graffiti board," shown in the image to the right. Park Planning staff also held a community workshop on October 25, 2014 and gathered input on those sites. The public feedback phase of the project will end in mid-November. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future.



# Transportation

## Transit Improvements

### *New Bus Shelters*

The bus shelter located on southbound Route 1 and Custis Avenue has been relocated to Mt. Vernon Avenue and W. Glebe Road. A newer shelter is expected to be installed at that location in 2016 or sooner.

The shelters located on Mt. Vernon and Executive Avenues are the highest priority on the City's replacement schedule. The Invitation to Bid for shelters close on Thursday, October 30th. The Department of Project Implementation (DPI) is leading this project which will initially replace approximately 20 Metro bus (WMATA-owned) shelters city wide. DPI hopes to have a vendor selected by Thanksgiving, if not sooner. Expected replacement of Mt. Vernon and Executive Avenues shelters is spring 2015 (possibly late winter 2015 if the weather cooperates). For more information regarding the projects listed above, please contact Pierre Holloman at 703.746.4080 and

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Sample Bus Shelter

## Complete Streets and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

### *Cora Kelly Safe Routes to School Project Update*

The *Cora Kelly Safe Routes to School Project* improvements, occurring at the intersection of Commonwealth Ave and East Reed Avenue, will be complete in a few weeks (as of October 29th), weather pending. The project includes curb extensions to shorten crossing distances, new sidewalks and a bus bulb. Twelve new bicycle parking spaces were installed at the school as well.

For additional information, please contact Hillary Poole at [hillary.poole@alexandriava.gov](mailto:hillary.poole@alexandriava.gov) and 703.746.4017 or visit: <http://alexandriava.gov/localmotion/info/default.aspx?id=78332>.

## Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park



**The Conservatory Center**, 4109 Mt. Vernon Avenue, will be closed from December 1, 2014 through April 15, 2015. The building is not equipped with an HVAC system and winter temperatures preclude the scheduling of community events.

For further information, please contact Angela Redfearn at 703.746.5466 or [angela.redfearn@alexandriava.gov](mailto:angela.redfearn@alexandriava.gov).

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markets in the Country in American Farmland Trust's 2014 I Love My Farmers Market Celebration and 3rd among Virginia Farmers Market, just behind those in Williamsburg and Manassas.

As a 100% neighborhood volunteer run market, 4MRMarket is proud that the market serves as an incubator for small start-up businesses, a space for non-profits to promote their causes, and a community gathering place for live music, fellowship, and quality food and craft options. The market has contributed its proceeds to various projects in Four Mile Run Park and has attracted a variety of donations including a \$10,000 anonymous donation that provided the 4MR Stage,

where the market has hosted community musicians for free performances all year long. 4MRMarket was approved in 2014 to be among the first places in Alexandria to host food trucks on a regular basis and has attracted several in the latter half of the current season. **For more information, contact the market managers at [4MRMarket@arlandria.org](mailto:4MRMarket@arlandria.org) or [www.4MRMarket.org](http://www.4MRMarket.org)**





## Community Engagement & Involvement

### Community Meeting

#### Community Meeting in November

The Arlandria Action Plan Advisory Group is meeting on Monday, November 17th at 7:00pm in the Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 West Reed Avenue.

Please join your neighbors in learning about recent efforts to implement the Arlandria Neighborhood Plans. Discussion topics include Four Mile Run Park, Four Mile Run Stream Restoration, pedestrian and transportation improvements, and private development projects.

For additional information or to get involved, please visit the Arlandria Plan

Implementation website at [www.alexandriava.gov/arlandria](http://www.alexandriava.gov/arlandria) or contact Brandi Collins at 703.746.3854 / [brandi.collins@alexandriava.gov](mailto:brandi.collins@alexandriava.gov).



#### Arlandria Action Plan Advisory Group Meeting #14

*Collaboratively Implementing the Vision of the Arlandria Plans*

Monday, November 17, 2014

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Cora Kelly Recreation Center  
25 West Reed Ave, Alexandria, VA

*Come and learn about efforts to implement the Arlandria Plans.*

For additional information, please contact City staff Brandi, Urban Planner, at 703-746-4666. Also, visit the project webpage at [www.alexandriava.gov/Arlandria](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Arlandria).



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**Transit:** The meeting location is accessible by Dash Bus. Plan your trip via the convenient "Trip Planner" tool at [www.dashbus.com](http://www.dashbus.com).

### RunningBrooke and Hume Springs Park

**RunningBrooke** is partnering with the City of Alexandria to fund improvements at Hume Springs Park and Playground. RunningBrooke members recently attended the Neighborhood Parks Workshop held on October 25, 2014, and are helping to promote the City's efforts to find out how the community uses the park. Based on community feedback, a schematic park and playground design will be developed winter 2015.

**RunningBrooke** is an Alexandria non-profit organization founded by Brooke Sydnor Curran that supports Alexandria charities, playgrounds, and programs that get kids physically active. [www.runningbrooke.com](http://www.runningbrooke.com)



### Four Mile Run Park Crowd-Funding Reaches Milestone



Over the summer, in conjunction with the citizen-run Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market, the City of Alexandria launched its first-ever crowdfunding campaign to raise funds to kick-start the recently adopted Four Mile Run Park Improvement Plan by planting new trees in the park. Citizens responded with tax-deductible contributions large and small by donating via the crowd-funding website Citizinvestor.

With the arrival of tree planting season, over a dozen new trees are to be planted in the first week of November in the portion of the park along the Mark Drive alleyway. A community mulching and park cleaning day is planned for the morning of Veterans Day, November 11th at 9am to prepare the trees for winter.

The 4MR Park Community Fall Tree Planting is a community initiative in conjunction with the City of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and funded in part by the Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market and Action Alexandria who each awarded \$1,000 to the project. Citizens contributed another \$1,000 that the City was able to further combine with tree donations from other sources in order to further the project. The 4MR Park Tree Planting is a continuation of the work begun over the last few years by a group of community volunteers in the Arlandria neighborhood who came together to perform various

## Development Project Updates

### **Mt. Vernon Village Center, 3809-3839 Mount Vernon Ave**



The site was approved for redevelopment by the City Council in December 2011 for a 53,000ft mixed-use development with 478 residential units, retail, underground parking, and associated infrastructure and streetscape improvements. The applicant will be returning to public hearing in early 2015 to request an extension for the approval and a reduction to the parking.

### **DelRay Tower (formerly the Calvert), 3110 Mt Vernon Ave**

UDR began the occupancy process for the new residential tower at the end of the summer and residents have started moving into the building. The project includes 332 residential units (187 units before renovation), approximately 10,500 sf of retail space, and 501 parking spaces on the 3.49 acres site. The developer is currently looking for tenants for the retail space. Final site and building improvements should be completed this fall.



### **Four Mile Run Pump Station, 3650 Commonwealth Avenue**

Construction is underway at the Alexandria Renew Enterprises site for the upgrades to the existing pump station. The project is on track to be completed by the fall of 2015 and will include a small addition to the existing building, streetscape improvements along Commonwealth Avenue (including a new sidewalk and landscaping) and a new decorative fence around the perimeter of the site. A later phase will include construction of educational signage and public art around the perimeter of the site. For more information, visit the project website: [www.alexrenewfmrps.com](http://www.alexrenewfmrps.com).



### **East Reed Townhomes, 101 and 103 East Reed Avenue**

The site plan for five townhomes was approved in April 2012 by the Planning Commission. Construction is anticipated to be complete in winter 2014/15.

For more information on these projects, please contact  
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### **Jackson Crossing, 3600 Jefferson Davis Highway**

Construction is underway. When complete, the project will provide 78 residential apartments which will be marketed to residents with incomes up to 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). There will be 78 garage spaces provided on-site. For real-time updates, view the Construction Camera: <http://www.ahcinc.org/EastReedAvenue.html>.

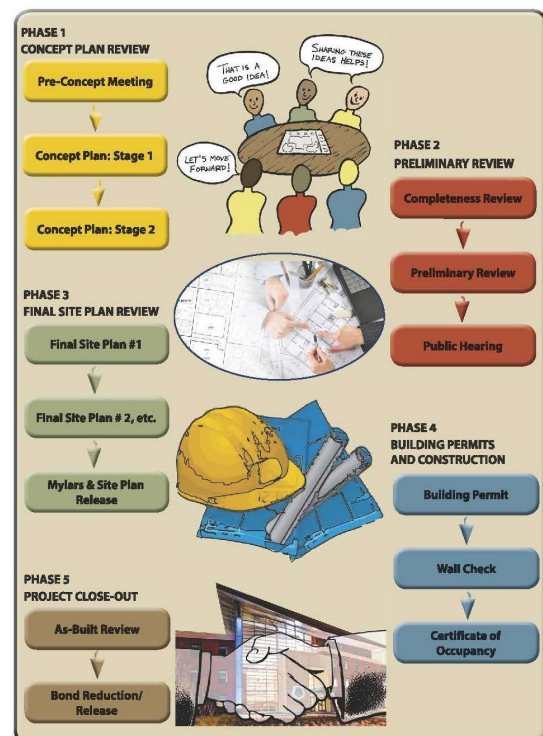


### **Lynhaven Apartments, 3521 Commonwealth Avenue**

The 28-unit property will undergo both interior and exterior renovations. The exterior work will include enhanced landscaping, sidewalk improvement, new doors and windows, and a designated parking lot in the back (with bike parking). The interior work will include replacement of kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, and all heating and cooling systems. Wesley Housing is currently working to secure construction and permanent financing in addition to the City support already approved with the hopes to start construction in 2015 with completion scheduled for the end of 2015.



### **Development Review Process**



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improvement projects in and around Four Mile Run Park to complement the work of the Four Mile Run Restoration Plan and the new Four Mile Run Park Improvement Plan. The projects include: the Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market, the Four Mile Run Park Expansion, Commonwealth Park (the rehabilitation of a former electrical substation at 3550 Commonwealth Avenue) and a large tree planting in the park last fall. All of these activities have been documented in the community blog: *The Arlandrian* ([www.arlandria.org](http://www.arlandria.org)).

While budgets in municipalities across the United States have tightened in recent years, crowdfunding provides an alternative funding source for projects that municipalities don't have funds for but that citizens are clearly passionate about. Additional Four Mile Run Park projects are in the planning stages. The 4MR Park Tree Planting site remains open on Citizinvestor for additional contributions to provide more trees in in Four Mile Run Park and other nearby locations, such as the Commonwealth Avenue median. Additionally, citizens have partnered with MOM's Organic Market to restore the interpretive environmental signs along Four Mile Run and tributary streams. A "friends of Four Mile Run Park" groups is being formed to continue the work into the future. **For more information, please contact Kevin Beekman, [kevin.beekman@arlandria.org](mailto:kevin.beekman@arlandria.org).**

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